

Witnesses of the Risen King

I Witness: Encounters with the Risen Lord

Passage: Matthew 28:16-20

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I. Worshipers Who Doubted (vv. 16-17)

II. The Authority Behind the Commission (v. 18)

III. The Resurrection Changes Spectators into Worshipers (vv. 19-20a)

IV. The Promise That Makes It Possible (v. 20b)

SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What stands out most to you in this passage, and why?
2. Why is it encouraging that Jesus sent disciples who still struggled with doubt and fear?
3. What is the difference between being a spectator of faith and a witness for Christ?
4. Where has God placed you to live on mission right now?
5. What fears or obstacles make it difficult to share your faith with others?
6. How does Jesus' authority and promise, "I am with you always," give courage for everyday witness?
7. Who is one person God may be calling you to pray for, encourage, or share your story with this week?

PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Am I currently living more like a spectator or a witness?
2. What has Jesus done in my life that I can share with others?
3. What fear, insecurity, or hesitation do I need to surrender to God?
4. How can I live more intentionally for Jesus in my daily relationships and routines?
5. What is one specific step of obedience I will take this week?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Why is the resurrection such good news?
2. What did Jesus ask His followers to do after He rose again?
3. Who can our family encourage or pray for this week?
4. What is one way Jesus has helped or changed our family?
5. How can we show and share the love of Jesus in everyday life this week?

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